ORDERS AND DIRECTIONS,

Together

With a Commiſsion for the better Adminiſtration of Iuſtice, and more perfect Information of His MAIESTIE;

How, and by whom the Lawes and Statutes tending to the reliefe of the Poore, the well ordering and training vp of youth in Trades, and the reformation of Diſorders and diſordered perſons, are executed throughout the Kingdome:

Which His Royall MAIESTIE hath commanded to be Publiſhed and Inquired of, by the Body of His Priuie Councell, whom He hath made principall Commiſſioners for this purpoſe.

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A Commiſsion to the Lords, and others of the Priuie Councell, for putting in execution of the Lawes and Statutes for reliefe of the poore, puniſhment of Rogues, and imployment of gifts to charitable vſes, &c.



CHARLES *by the grace of* GOD *King of* England, Scotland, France, & Ireland, *Defender of the Faith, &c.*

To the moſt Reuerend Father

in God, Our right truſtie and welbeloued Counſellor, GEORGE *Lord Archbiſhop of* Canterbury, *Primate and Metropolitane of all* England.

And to Our right truſtie and welbeloued Counſellor THOMAS *Lord* COVENTRIE, *Lord Keeper of Our great Seale of* England.

And alſo to the right Reuerend Father in GOD, Our right truſtie and welbeloued Counſellor, SAMVEL *Lord Archbiſhop of* Yorke, *Primate and Metropolitane of* England.

And

And likewiſe to Our right truſtie and welbeloued Counſellor RICHARD *Lord* WESTON, *Our high Treaſurer of* England.

And alſo to Our right truſtie and right welbeloued Couſins and Counſellors, EDVVARD *Viſcount* CONVVAY, *Lord Preſident of Our Priuy Councell.*

HENRY *Earle of* Manchester, *keeper of Our Priuy Seale.*

ROBERT *Earle of* Lindſey, *Lord Great Chamberlaine of* England.

THOMAS

THOMAS *Earle of* Arundel *and* Surrey, *Earle Marſhal of* England.

PHILIP *Earle of* Pembroke *and* Mountgomery *Lord Chamberlaine of Our Houſhold.*

THEOPHILVS *Earle of* Suffolke, *Lord Warden of our* Cinque-Ports.

EDVVARD *Earle of* Dorſet, *Lord Chamberlaine to our deareſt Conſort the Queene.*

WILLIAM *Earle of* Saliſbury.

VVILLIAM

WILLIAM *Earle of* Exester.

IOHN *Earle of* Bridgewater.

IAMES *Earle of* Carlile.

HENRY *Earle of* Holland.

WILLIAM *Earle of* Banbury.

HENRY *Earle of* Danby.

VVILLIAM *Earle of* Morton.

THOMAS *Earle of* Kelly.

EDVVARD *Viſcount* VVimbledon.

DVDLEY *Viſcount* Dorcheſter *one of Our principall Secretaries of State.*

THOMAS *Viſcount* VVentworth, *Lord Preſident of Our Councell in the North parts.*

OLIVER *Viſcount* Grandiſon.

HENRY *Viſcount* Falkeland.

And likewiſe to the Reuerend

rend Father in God Our right truſtie and welbeloued Counſellours, WILLIAM *Lord Biſhop of* London.

RICHARD *Lord Biſhop of* Winchester.

And alſo to Our right truſtie and welbeloued Counſellors, EDWARD *Lord* Newburgh, *Chancellour of our Duchy of* Lancaſter.

Sir THOMAS EDMVNDS, *Knight, Treaſurer of Our Houſhold.*

Sir HENRY VANE, *Knight,*

Comptroller of Our Houſhold.

Sir THOMAS IERMYN, *Knight, Vice-Chamberlaine of Our Houſhold.*

Sir ROBERT NAVNTON, *Knight, Maſter of Our Court of Wards and Liueries.*

Sir IOHN COKE, *Knight, one other of Our principall Secretaries of State.*

Sir FRANCIS COTTINGTON, *Baronet, Chancellor of Our Exchequer.*

Sir

Sir IVLIVS CÆSAR, *Knight, Master of the Rolles.*

And Sir WILLIAM ALEXANDER, *Knight, greeting.*

WHereas diuers good Lawes and Statutes, most necessary for these times, haue, during the happie Reigne of Queene ELIZABETH, and of Our late Father of blessed memorie, and since our comming to the Crowne of England, been with great wisedome, peitie, and policie, made and enacted in Parliament, aswell for

the charitable relieſe of aged and impotent poore people, not able by their labours to get their liuings and for the training vp of Youth in honeſt and profitable Trades and Myſteries, by putting them forth to be Apprentices, as alſo for the ſetting to worke of idle perſons, who being of abilitie to worke, in ſome kinde or other, doe neuertheleſſe, refuſe to labour, and either wander vp and downe the Citie and Countrey begging, or which is worſe, maintaine themſelues by filching and ſtealing; And for the pnniſhment of ſundry Rogues and Vagabonds, and ſetting of them to worke: And for the ſuppreſſing of that odiou

dious and loathsome sinne of Drunkennesse; And the repressing of idlenesse, the roote of so many euils: The due execution of which, and the like lawes and Statutes, would preuent and cut off many offences and crimes of high nature.

AND whereas we are informed that the defect of the execution of the said good and politique Lawes and Constitutions in that behalfe made, proceedeth especially from the neglect of duetie in some of Our Iustices of the Peace and other Officers, Magistrates, and Ministers of the Peace, within the seuerall Counties, Cities and townes Cor-

Corporate of this our Realme of England, *and Dominion of* Wales, *to whom the care and trust of seeing the said Lawes to be put in execution, is by the said Lawes principally cõmitted, which remisseneſſe & neglect of duty doth grow and ariſe from this, That by the moſt of the ſayd Lawes, there are little or no Penalties or Forfeitures at all inflicted vpon the ſaid Iuſtices of Peace, Magiſtrates, Officers and Miniſters for not performing their duties in that behalfe, or if any be, yet partly by reaſon of the ſmallneſſe thereof, and partly by reaſon of their power and authoritie in their ſeuerall places,*

ces, whereby they hold others vnder them in awe, there are few or no Complaints or Informations made of the neglects and want of due execution of the Offices of the ſaid Iuſtices and other Miniſters; and although the care and diligence of our Iudges and Iuſtices of Aſſiſe be neuer ſo great, yet by reaſon of the ſhortneſſe of their Aſſizes and Seſſions in euery County, and multiplicitie of buſineſſe, they neither haue due information of the ſaid neglects, nor in thoſe times, can take ſuch exact courſes as were requiſite for redreſſe of ſuch generall abuſes and inconueniences ſo highly importing the publique good of

this Our Realme, by reaſon whereof the ſaid Juſtices of Peace, Magiſtrates, Officers and Miniſters, are now of late in moſt parts of this Our Kingdome growne ſecure in their ſaid negligence, and the ſaid politique and neceſſarie Lawes and Statutes laid aſide or little regarded as Lawes of ſmall uſe and conſequence, whereas upon the preſent making of the ſaid Lawes, the ſame being then duely executed, as alſo at this day in ſome Counties and parts of this Our Kingdome, where ſome Iuſtices of Peace and other Magiſtrates doe duely and diligently execute the ſame, there euidently appeareth great reformati-

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on, benefit and safety to redound to the Commonwealth, And likewise when as there was care taken, and diligence vsed to haue the Lawes concerning charitable vses, wel executed, and all pious gifts to bee imployed according to the good intent of the Donors, these poore people were better relieued then now they are: All which We taking into Our Princely care, for the preseruation of the common Peace of this Realme, the performance of mens pious intentions in their gifts of Charitie, and the generall good and quiet of Our Subiects.

After long and mature deliberation, finding that there is no bet-

ter wayes or meanes to haue the ſaid Lawes and Statutes put in full execution, then by committing the truſt and ouerſight thereof to the ſpeciall care and induſtrie of certaine perſons of principall Place, Dignitie and Order neere vnto Our Perſon; who vpon their diligent inquirie how the ſaid Lawes and Statutes are put in execution, may be able vpon all occaſions from time to time to giue Vs particular information thereof, and by their approoued Wiſedomes, experience and Iudgements, giue Directions and Inſtructions from time to time for the better execution of the ſaid Statutes.

Know

Know ye therefore that Wee out of that long experience and full assurance Wee haue had of the great integritie, wisedome, fidelitie and industrie of you, and euery of you; Haue constituted, authorized and appointed you to bee Our Commissioners, and by these presents doe constitute, authorise and appoint, and strictly require you, or any foure or more of you Our Commissioners either by examination vpon Oath, or without Oath, or by all and euery such good and lawfull meanes as to you, or any foure or more of you, in your Wisedomes and Iudgements shal seeme conuenient and requisite from time to time from henceforth

to make Inquirie, and thereby to informe your ſelues how all and euery the Lawes and Statutes now in force, which any way concerne the reliefe of impotent or poore people, the binding out of Apprentices, the ſetting to worke of poore children, and ſuch other poore people, as being able or willing to worke, haue no ſtocke or meanes to imploy themſelues; The compelling and forcing ſuch lazie & idle perſons to worke, as being of bodies able and ſtrong, doe neuertheleſſe refuſe to labour; the maintenance, gouernement, and well ordering of houſes of Correction and other places for reliefe of poore indigent and impo-

impotent people, the Rating, Collecting, and imployment of all such Summes, as by the Statute of the three and fourtieth of ELIZABETH, are appointed for the reliefe of Souldiers and Mariners, the punishment or setting on worke of Rogues and Vagabonds: And all Lawes and Statutes now in force for the repressing of Drunkennesse and Idlenesse, the reforming of abuses committed in Innes and Alehouses, the abridging of the number of Alehouses, and the well ordering of such as be licensed, the keeping of Watches and Wards duely, and how other publique seruices for God, the King, and the Com-

Common-wealth, are put in practice and executed.

To which end and purpose, to you Our Commissioners, or any sixe or more of you, We giue full power and authoritie from time to time hereafter, to giue such Directions and Instructions, and by all other good and lawfull meanes to set downe, and giue such Orders and Directions, as that all and euery the said Lawes and other necessarie Statutes may bee duely and effectually executed, and the Paines and Penalties thereof leuied and imployed, according to the purport and true meaning of the same Lawes.

And

And whereas no Nation of the world hath prouided more liberally, or ordeined better Lawes for due imployment of Lands, Goods, and Stockes of money, giuen to charitable vſes, then this Our Kingdome of England *hath done: Yet neuertheleſſe the ſaid Bounties and charitable Gifts haue not beene imployed according to the minde and intent of the Giuers, by reaſon of ſome Deuices, Fraudes, Breach of Truſt, Aime at priuate Gaine, and partly by the negligence of thoſe that haue beene truſted to performe the ſame.*

Therefore Our Will and expreſſe Pleaſure is, That thoſe Sta-

tutes of the thirty ninth and fourtie third of Elizabeth, and all other Lawes and Statutes concerning Hospitals, Almes-houses, Meisons de Dieu, and other pious Donations, Collections, or publike Gifts for the benefit of the Poore, or publike Workes, be strictly inquired and put in execution. And all Deeds of Foundations, Charters, Wills, Deuices, Dispositions of Lands, Goods, Annuities, or Rents, giuen, appointed, or intended to any the Houses aforesaid, or to any charitable vse or publike Worke, be diligently sought out and discouered, to the end there may bee an imployment of all the Profits, according to

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the Will and Minde of the Donors or Founders.

And Wee doe further by theſe Preſents, giue full power and authority vnto you, or any ſixe or more of you, to call vnto you for your aſſiſtance in the Premiſſes, when you ſhall ſee it needfull, all, or any of Our Iuſtices of Aſſize, as often as you ſhall ſee cauſe, and to giue ſuch Directions and Inſtructions by your Letters, or otherwiſe, as well to Our ſaid Iuſtices of Aſſize, Oyer *and* Termyner, *and Gaole deliuery, for their ſeuerall Circuits: As alſo to Our Iuſtices, Maiors, Bayliffes, and other head Officers, within Cities and Boroughs,*

Clerkes of the Aſsiſe and Seſsions, and other Officers and Miniſters within Our ſeuerall Counties and Shires of this our Realme of England *and Dominion of* Wales, *and the ſeuerall Diuiſions of the ſame, as to you, or any ſixe or more of you in your wiſedomes ſhall ſeeme meete and requiſite, and ſhall bee agreeable to the Lawes and Statutes of this Our Realme, for the better execution of the Lawes and Statutes in the time to come. All which Directions, Inſtructions, and Orders, at any time or times heereafter ſo to be made or taken by you, or any ſixe or more of you, by force of theſe preſents: Wee Will and ſtraitly*

ſtraitly Charge and Commaund by theſe preſents, to bee ſincerely and duely from time to time, obeyed, obſerued, and kept, by all and euery Officer and Officers, Iuſtice and Iuſtices, Perſon and Perſons, to whom it ſhall appertaine.

And We do hereby further will & require you, that you or any foure or more of you, doe from time to time giue vnto Vs particular and true information of the care and induſtry of Our Iuſtices of Peace in their ſeuerall Diuiſions, Maiors, Bayliffes, and head Officers, in their ſeuerall Cities, and Townes Corporate, as vpon the ſayd inquirie you ſhall finde to bee diligent in

putting the ſaid Lawes, Statutes, Orders and Directions in execution, That ſo by their ſeruice and your report, they appearing to deſerue well of their King and Countrey, may receiue not onely good acceptance at Our hands, but all due incouragement and comfort to continue in their well doings; And if contrariwiſe you ſhall finde any of Our ſaid Iuſtices of Peace, or other the perſons before named to be negligent and remiſſe in their ſeuerall places and duties touching the performance and execution of the ſaid Lawes and Statutes committed to their Charge, or the Orders and Directions giuen by you, or any

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ſixe of you for the better execution of the ſaid Statutes: Then Our pleaſure is, that you doe likewiſe certifie the names of ſuch as you ſhall finde ſo remiſſe and negligent, that accordingly order may be taken for their remouing and diſplacing out of the Commiſſion of the Peace, as men vnworthy of their ſaid Truſt and Places; As alſo deſeruing to receiue ſuch further Puniſhment in Our Court of Starchamber, or otherwiſe as may be by Law inflicted vpon them.

And further wee doe by theſe Preſents giue vnto you, or any ſixe or more of you, full power and authoritie to doe and execute all and

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euery other lawfull and neceſſarie Act and Acts, thing and things for the better and more due Execution of the Premiſſes or any of them, as you or any ſixe, or more of you, ſhall in your Wiſedomes and Iudgements thinke to bee fit and conuenient.

And becauſe you that are attendants vpon Our Perſon, or otherwiſe imployed in Our Seruices cannot at all times bee in Perſon in the ſeuerall Shires of this Our Kingdome, to execute this Our Commiſsion in ſuch ſort as wee haue appointed it: And for that it will be very fit and requiſite for you to haue perſons of Truſt vnder you, who

who may faithfully aßiſt you in the execution of this Our Commiſſion.

Wee doe therefore giue vnto you for your better Aide and Aſſiſtance, and the better performance of this Our Seruice, full power and authoritie from time to time, to Aſſigne, Appoint and Conſtitute by your writing vnder your Hands and Seales or the Hands and Seales of any ſixe, or more of you, ſuch ſufficient meete perſons as you, or any ſixe of you, in your diſcretions ſhall from time to time thinke fit and appoint to bee your Deputies in euery or any Countie, Citie, Borough or towne Corporate of this Our King-

dome of England, *or* Dominion *of* Wales.

And Wee doe giue vnto ſuch perſons, ſo to be by you deputed, aſſigned, and appointed, as aforeſaid, or to any two, three, or more of them full power and authority to doe and execute in our ſaid Counties, Cities, Boroughs, and Townes Corporate, as well within Liberties as without; All and euery thing and things, which by vertue of this Our Commiſsion, is to you our principall Commiſsioners intruſted and committed, or which you, or any of you Our Commiſsioners, if you were perſonally preſent, might or ought to doe; They your ſaid Deputies

purſuing

purſuing ſuch Directions and Inſtructions from time to time as you or any ſixe of you ſhall giue vnto them in writing; And the better to enable them ſo to doe, you ſhall deliuer to ſuch deputies as you ſhall make in euery Countie, Citie, or Towne corporate as aforeſaid, a duplicate, or true tranſcript of this Our Commiſſion, ſubſcribed with your hands, or vnder the hands of ſixe of you at the leaſt.

And Wee doe further by the tenour of theſe preſents, will and command, and doe giue full power and authoritie to Our Lord Chancelour, or Lord Keeper of Our great Seale for the time being, to cauſe ſeuerall

Commiſsions to be made foorth, vnder Our great Seale of England, *to ſuch perſons of truſt and quality, as any ſixe, or more of you ſhall from time to time nominate vnto him, and ſhall ſo ſignifie vnto him by writing vnder your hands to the ſame tenour and effect, in euery materiall thing, as in theſe Our Letters Patents is expreſſed, with a clauſe to bee inſerted in euery ſuch Commiſsion and Commiſsions, commanding ſuch perſons ſo to be nominated, that they certifie all their proceedings thereupon to you Our foreſaid Commiſsioners, or to any ſixe of you, at ſuch times and places, as you, or any ſixe of you ſhall appoint.*

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In witneſſe whereof, Wee haue cauſed theſe Our Letters to bee made Patents: Witneſſe Our ſelfe at Weſtminſter *the fift day of* Ianuary, *in the ſixt yeere of Our Reigne.*

Preface.

FOr the better administration of Iustice, and more perfect Information of His Maiesty, how, and by whom the Lawes and Statutes tending to the relieſe of the poore, and the reformation of diſorders and diſordered perſons are executed throughout the Kingdome; His Royall Maieſtie hath Commanded this Commiſſion aforeſaid, together with theſe Orders and Directions following, to be publiſhed by the Body of His Priuie Councell, whom Hee hath made principall Commiſſioners for this purpoſe.

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ORDERS.

I.

THAT the Iuſtices of Peace of euery Shire within the Realme doe diuide themſelues, and allot amongſt themſelues what Iuſtices of the Peace, and what Hundreds ſhall attend monethly at ſome certaine places of the Shire. And at this day and place, the High Conſtables, Petty-Conſtables, and Churchwardens, and Ouerſeers for the Poore of thoſe

thoſe Hundreds, ſhall attend the ſaid Iuſtices. And there inquirie ſhall be made, and Information taken by the Iuſtices, how euery of theſe Officers in their ſeuerall places haue done their duties in Execution of the Lawes mentioned in the Commiſsion annexed, and what perſons haue offended againſt any of the ſaid Lawes.

II.

WHere neglect or defect is found in any of the ſaid Officers, in making their Preſentments, condigne puniſhment to be inflicted vpon them

them by the Iuſtices according to Law.

III.

WHen offences are preſented at one meeting, then the penalties of the Lawes offended, to bee leauied and brought to the Iuſtices at their next meeting.

IIII.

WHen the penalties are leauied, the Iuſtices are to take care that the ſame be imployed accordingly as by the Statutes are appointed.

Orders.

V.

FOr incouragement to men that doe informe and prosecute others for offending against theſe Lawes or any of them, libertie to bee left to the Iuſtices of Peace that doe meete to reward the Informer or Proſecutor, out of part of the money leauied vpon his, or their Preſentments, or Information.

Though the Statute doe not preſcribe this, yet this is not againſt the Law that giues the penaltie to the Poore,

Poore, which penaltie nor no part thereof would elſe come vnto the poore but by this meanes.

VI.

THat the ſeuerall Iuſtices of Peace of euery Shire, doe once euery three moneths certifie an account in VVriting to the high Sheriffe of the Countie, of their proceedings in this way, whom they haue puniſhed, what they haue leuyed, and how they haue imployed it.

VII.

THat the High Sheriffe within foureteene dayes after this Account deliuered, do ſend the ſame ouer to the Iuſtices of Aſsize for that County, or to one of them, and the Iuſtice or Iuſtices that receiue the ſame, to certifie it in the beginning of euery Terme next after, to the Lords Commiſsioners. And if any of the Iuſtices of Peace ſhall faile to make ſuch account to the Sheriffe, then the Sheriffe ſhall certifie ſuch default to the Lords Commiſsioners.

VIII.

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THe Iuſtices of Aſsize in euery Circuite, are to enquire, and ſpecially to marke, what Iuſtices of the Peace are carefull and diligent in execution of theſe Lawes, and the Directions giuen, and who are negligent and remiſſe. And what other things of note happen in their Circuits, to make report thereof to the King, vpon their returne from their Circuits euery halfe yeere.



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DIRECTIONS.

I.

THat the Lords of Manors and Towns, take care that their Tenants, and the pariſhoners of euery Towne may bee releeued by worke, or otherwiſe at home, and not ſuffered to ſtraggle, and beg vp and downe in their pariſhes.

II.

THat Stewards to Lords and Gentlemen, in keeping their Leetes

Leetes twice a yeere, doe ſpecially enquire vpon thoſe Articles that tend to the reformation, or puniſhment of common offences and abuſes: As of Bakers and Brewers, for breaking of Aſſizes: Of Foreſtallers, and Regraters: Againſt Tradeſmen of all ſorts, for ſelling with vnder weights, or at exceſſiue priſes, or things vnwholeſome, or things made in deceipt: Of people, breakers of houſes, common theeues, and their Receiuers; haunters of Tauerns, or Alehouſes; thoſe that goe in good clothes, and fare well, and none knowes whereof they liue; thoſe that bee night-walkers; builders of Cottages, and takers in of Inmates;

Inmates; offences of Victuallers, Artificers, Workemen and Labourers.

III.

THat the poore children in euery Pariſh be put forth Apprentices to husbandry, and other handy-crafts, and money to be raiſed in the Pariſhes for placing them, according to the Law; and if any party ſhall refuſe to take the ſaid Apprentice, being put out according to the Law; ſuch party as ſhall refuſe to take the ſaid Apprentice, to be bound ouer to the next quarter Seſſions, or Aſſiſes, and there to be

bound to his good behauiour, or otherwiſe ordered, as ſhall bee found fit.

IIII.

THat the Statute of Labourers, for retaining of Seruants, and ordering of Wages, betwixt the Seruant and the Maſter be not deluded by priuate Contracts, before they come to the Statutes, and the common faſhion of Eſſoyning many abſent, not to bee allowed of courſe, as is vſed.

V.

THat the weekely taxations for reliefe of the Poore, and other

other purposes mentioned in the Statute of 43. Eliz. *bee in these times of scarcitie raised to higher Rates in euery Parish, then in times to fore were vsed. And Contributions had from other Parishes, to helpe the weaker Parishes, especially from those places where depopulations haue beene, some good Contribution to come, for helpe of other Parishes. And where any money or Stocke hath beene, or shall bee giuen to the relieſe of the Poore in any parish, such Gift to be no occasion of lessening the Rates of the Parish.*

VI.

THat the petty Constables in all Parishes, be chosen of the abler sort of Parishioners, and the office not to bee put vpon the poorer sort, if it may be.

VII.

WAtches in the night, and Warding by day, and to bee appointed in euery Towne and village, for apprehension of rogues, and vagabonds, and for safety and good order.

VIII.

VIII.

AND *because it is found by dayly experience, that the remisseneſſe and negligence of petty-Conſtables is a greate cauſe of the ſwarming of Rogues and Beggers, therefore the high Conſtables in their ſeuerall Diuiſions are ſpecially to be charged to looke vnto the petty-Conſtables, that they vſe diligence in their Offices, and the High Conſtables to preſent to the Iuſtices of Peace, the defaults of the petty-Conſtables, for not puniſhing the Rogues, or not preſenting thoſe that are Relieuers of the Rogues and Beggers, the Law*

inflicting a Penalty vpon the Conſtable for not puniſhing them, and vpon ſuch party as ſhall releeue them.

IX.

IF in any Pariſh there bee found any perſons that liue out of Seruice, or that liue idly and will not worke for reaſonable wages, or liue to ſpend all they haue at the Alehouſe, thoſe perſons to bee brought by the High Conſtables, and petty Conſtables to the Iuſtices at their meetings, there to be ordered and puniſhed as ſhall be found fit.

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THat the Correction houſes in all Counties may bee made adioyning to the common Priſons, and the Gaoler to be made Gouernour of them, that ſo he may imploy to worke Priſoners committed for ſmall cauſes, and ſo they may learne honeſtly by labour, and not liue idly and miſerably long in priſon, whereby they are made worſe when they come out then they were when they went in, and where many houſes of Correction are in one County, one of them at leaſt to bee neere the Gaole.

XI.

THat no man harbour Rogues in their Barnes, or Outhouſeings. And the wandring perſons with women and children, to giue account to the Conſtable or Juſtice of Peace, where they were marryed, and where their children were Chriſtened; for theſe people liue like Saluages, neither marry nor bury nor Chriſten, which licentious libertie makes ſo many delight to be Rogues and Wanderers.

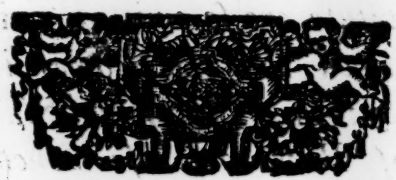
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And becauſe the High wayes in all Counties of England *are in great decay, partly ſo growen, for that men think there is no courſe by the Common Law, or Order from the State to amend the ſame: And the worke-dayes appointed by the Statute are ſo omitted, or idly performed, that there comes little good by them. Therefore the Iuſtices of Peace at theſe monethly meetings, are to take ſpeciall care of: and not onely to cauſe the Surueyors of the High wayes to preſent the ſame; but by their owne view, to informe themſelues, that*

Directions.

at the next Quarter Seſſions after euery meeting, they may preſent all ſuch neglects, and offences (as vpon their owne view) and the Offenders there to bee puniſhed according to Law.





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